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SUBJECT: MFA URGED TO INVESTIGATE IRANIAN MISSILE
DELEGATION IN CHINA

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Classified By: PolMinCouns Aubrey Carlson. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

11. (S) PolOff delivered reftel non-paper urging China to investigate the activities of a three-person Iranian delegation traveling in China that might be engaged in the illegal procurement of missile technology to MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Department Missile Division Second Secretary Zhang Ze on February 13. PolOff noted the time-sensitive nature of the information, pointing out that the MFA's unwillingness to meet to discuss the issue in a timely fashion meant that the three individuals were probably no longer in China.

12. (S) Zhang responded that China "takes its responsibilities to control missile proliferation seriously," and promised to relay the information to the appropriate authorities. PolOff underscored the importance of Iran in Sino-American relations and urged Zhang to report back with the results of the Chinese investigation.
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